

## A Society Girl's Brilliant Debut.

The Sterling Hotel was the scene of one of the most brilliant affairs of the season last evening, when Miss Anthony made her debut. The dance at which Miss Anthony made her debut was preceded by a dinner to about forty guests. The tables, one large and one small, were laid in the dining room, the color scheme being white, red and green. The large table had an immense center piece of pointsetta, edged with white carnations, and the rest of the table was artistically arranged with holly and red ribbons. The candelabras were shaded in red, giving it a brilliant effect, suggestive of the season. The guests at dinner were:

Miss Ethel Adams, Brooklyn; Miss Florence Barton, Cedarland, L. I.; Misses Stone, Binghamton; Miss Lucinda Bateson, Miss Augusta Lynde; Messrs. Farrell Bateson, Levan Car-bren, Reynolds Leaycraft, New York city; Arthur Howell, Philadelphia and Lieutenant Houston, Washington, D. C.; Misses Anna Lee Worden, Edith Payne, Jessie Guthrie, Theresa Lynde, Florence Bullard, Hazel Harvey, Kathleen Murphy, Ruth Fuller, Ethel and Mary Anthony; Messrs. Nelson Bennett, Paul Sterling, Thad Ryman, Henry Atherton, Henry Young, Ned Bixby, Jesse Warriner, Dr. Donald Guthrie, Malcolm Guthrie and Maxwell Jessup and Walter Phillips of Scranton. Mr. and Mrs. Anthony and Miss Helen Ryman and Lillie Anthony occupied a small table near the large one.

After the dinner the guests arrived for the dance, which was held in the ball room. The receiving group, composed of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony and the fair debutante, stood in the parlor, which was gorgeous in a decoration of greens, these serving as a background for the quantities of exquisite floral offerings sent to Miss Anthony, which were arranged on tables near the receiving party. The ball room was decorated suggestive of Christmas with the greens touched with scarlet. Oppenheim furnished a splendid program of dance music and the young people tripped the light fantastic till the wee sma' hours.

The debutante, who is a striking beauty of the Titian type, wore an exquisite gown of white chiffon cloth, embroidered with crystal paillettes, forming wild roses. The gown was trimmed with venetian lace and silver rose buds. She wore a dainty wreath of silver roses in her hair, on which was poised a silver butterfly and carried a bouquet built of pink roses and lilies of the valley. Mrs. Anthony wore white lace over white silk, embroidered with gold roses. Miss Anthony wore a very handsome gown of white chiffon, trimmed with venetian lace. Mrs. William Lathrop, Mrs. Thomas Davis Worden, Miss Palsella Lee Paine, and Mrs. H. H. Harvey, acted as chaperones.—Wilkes-Barre (Pa.) Review.

Miss Anthony's parents were married here and her mother is a native of Ocala and still has many friends here who will read with pleasure of her daughter's brilliant debut. Miss Anthony's grandfather, Capt. W. J. Tucker, of Fort Pierce, has been favorably spoken of as a candidate for governor of Florida.

## Miss Anderson Entertains Card Club.

From Friday's Daily.

Yesterday afternoon Miss Mary Anderson entertained the young ladies card club in a very pleasant way. Her guest were the members of the club, her sister, Mrs. Clifford Anderson and three visiting girls, Miss Ella Fisher, of Shamokin, Pa.; Edith Patch, of Boston, Mass.; and Millie Nurney, of Suffolk, Va. There were four tables of progressive whist and the games were exceedingly interesting and closely contested. The prize for the highest number of points, an exquisite pink crepe de chene scarf was won by Miss Sue Barco and the game prize a silver bon bon spoon was won by Mrs. E. C. Welsh.

After the games a delightful supper was served in the dining room. There were seventeen seated at the table, which looked exceedingly lovely in its decorations of feathery smilax and a large vase of beautiful pink carnations in the center. The menu included salad, sandwiches, olives, salted almonds, cake and cream.

Next week Miss Barco will entertain the club at the home of Mrs. W. H. Powers.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest McLin left on Friday for Ocala, where Mr. McLin has gone into business with S. A. Rawls & Co., of the Florida Naval Stores Co. Mr. and Mrs. McLin have a large circle of warm friends here who regret their departure, but hope they will be happy in their new home.—Tallahassee Capital.

Here it is past the middle of January, and the banana leaves, the most tender in the vegetable kingdom, are still green and tomatoes are ripening in the open fields. Florida is certainly holding out her best bib and tucker this year to her tourists and her citizens.

## WHAT STRANGE THINGS ARE HAPPENING.

"Town Topics," the printing establishment which printed "Fads and Fancies," the book that met with such a furore of disapproval by the "common people," owns Tom Watson's magazine, which is printed for the "common people."

John Temple Graves is Tom Watson's candidate for the United States Senate from Georgia. Mr. John Temple Graves is editor of the Atlanta News which paper is largely owned by the Southern railway company.

Hon. William Jennings Bryan is making a trip around the world and is writing letters telling his impressions of the things he sees. He is having these letters "syndicated" so that the ordinary newspapers of the country can not reproduce them, and more than any other man in the world Mr. Bryan has lifted his voice against the "syndicates."

What strange things, indeed, are happening.

## The "Awakening."

Hon. David L. Yulee was one of Florida's first United States Senators after she was admitted into the federal union. He was regarded by many and is still so regarded as the greatest statesman that ever represented Florida in that distinguished body. He was likewise the greatest factor in Florida's material development.

Long before any railway was built across the continent to the Pacific ocean, he conceived the idea of building a railway across the state of Florida, a canal across the Isthmus of Tehuantepec and reaching the Pacific ocean by this route. Had not the war intervened this enterprise would have been accomplished and the commercial business of Florida would have long since been what we now expect it to be when Mr. Flagler's railroad is completed to Key West and the Panama canal is constructed.

Mr. Yulee married Miss Wickliffe, daughter of one of our early Postmaster generals. Mr. Yulee had one son, Mr. C. Wickliffe Yulee, who is well known to all older Floridians.

It was the father's ambition that his son would follow in his foot steps and devote his life to politics and statesmanship but he seems not to have had any taste in this direction. His friends and the friends of his father, however, are glad to know that he has turned his talents into the realms of literature and is likely to acquire fame therein.

Mr. Yulee has just published a novel of Washington life, entitled, "The Awakening." Besides being interesting, as all generally love stories are, it shows much erudition and that its author is familiar with the languages and all phases of life.

We read the book with much pleasure and pronounce "The Awakening," a most creditable production.

## Literary Contest Under Auspices of Daughters of the Confederacy.

Mrs. W. W. Carroll, of Monticello, state historian of the Florida division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, in accordance with the recommendation of the National Historical Committee, announces a literary contest as follows:

1. One Essay—Is The Causeman of Historical Value?
2. Two Poems—The Bestowal of the Cross; The Bloody Angle (at Spotsylvania.)
3. Two Dramatic Sketches—Gordon's Five Wounds; The Burning of the Judah, and the First Blood Spilled on Florida Soil.
4. Two Songs—The First Daughter of the Confederacy; To the West Florida Cadets Who Helped to Save Tallahassee.
5. Short Story—Based on any historical event not mentioned above, and that happened in Florida during the war.
6. These to be entirely original productions of members of Chapters only.
7. These original productions to be sent to Mrs. W. W. Carroll, Monticello, Florida, where they will be passed upon by three competent judges to be selected later.
8. To be sent in without fail on or before April 1, 1906.
9. The best article upon each of the above subjects to be read, recited or sung at the state convention in Orlando in May on the evening known as the Historical evening, either by the author or by some person designated by her.
10. The president of each chapter is urged to see that each subject is represented by a contestant from her chapter.

## Band of Mercy.

A gathering of the "Band" will be held early in February, when those members, who have competed for the prizes for the best essay on "Kindness" will receive their awards. No essay can be received after February first. E. Tatham, Secretary.

## Rev. Young J. Allen Coming to America.

Dr. Young J. Allen, the greatest missionary now living and who has won great distinction in the Chinese empire, where he has lived for nearly sixty years, is coming to America this spring, some time in March. He is a delegate to the general missionary conference, which will be held at Birmingham, Alabama, next May.

During his mission in China he has risen to a high rank among the religious workers there, and is regarded as an Orientalist of unusual scholarship. He is at present manager of the Society for the Diffusion of Christian and General Knowledge Among the Chinese, and is editor of the Review of the Times.

Dr. Allen is a brother-in-law of Mrs. F. E. Laskell, of South Lake Weir, and during his visit to America will spend several weeks at the beautiful Haskell home on the lake.

Dr. Allen also has relatives in this city and will spend a few days here.

## Miss Mary Phillips Gives Picnic.

Saturday afternoon Miss Mary Phillips gave a picnic to which she asked a dozen or so of her young friends. The little folks were chaperoned by Miss Dora May Vogt, and her cousin, Miss Fannie Williams, of Columbia, S. C.

At one o'clock they went to the home of the young hostess and then all walked out to the woods in front of the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Clark. They spent a very merry afternoon playing the outdoor games that children love so well and not the least of the pleasures of the afternoon was the picnic lunch which was much enjoyed.

Little Miss Mary gave this picnic in celebration of her birthday and her guests were Sallie Spurlin, Myrtle Whitfield, Myrtle Pope, Una Taylor, Rebecca Smith, Dorothy Lancaster, Florence Dozier, Dora Pelot, Elsie and Annie Pearl Liddon, Francis Dittmer, George Looney, Bradford and Sanford Dittmer, Raymond Toph and Jimmie Whiteside.

## Horseback Riding in Ocala.

Horseback riding is again growing popular all over the state. Some years ago it was the most general amusement in the country but for the past few years it has been relegated to the background by new amusements and pleasures.

It is a most delightful, exhilarating and graceful exercise and we are glad to note that it is again growing into popular favor. There are quite a number of ladies in Ocala who are very clever and charming equestrians and early morning and afternoon horseback riding parties are now almost daily events and no more enjoyable sport can be imagined.

## Mr. Holder Buys Elegant Home in Ocala.

Mr. Edward Holder, of Dunnellon, one of the largest phosphate operators in Florida, purchased Wednesday the beautiful Zewadski residence on Fort King avenue in this city and will take possession of his new home on the first of April.

This is one of the most beautiful residences in Ocala and was formerly owned by Mr. E. H. Buffum, when the Buffum Loan and Trust company was doing such a prosperous business in this county. It is located on one of our principal residence avenues and is in a most desirable location, and in its architecture, finishings and adornments is one of the finest buildings in the city.

Before taking possession of this property Mr. Holder will make many changes, alterations and improvements and when completed it will be an exceedingly elegant home.

Mr. Holder has large business interests in the state and his coming to Ocala shows that he has faith in the future of the city and he will be a factor in its progress and development.

Mr. and Mrs. Holder are very popular in society circles and their numerous friends are greatly delighted that after an absence of several years they are to return to Ocala to reside and they will be accorded a very cordial welcome by our citizens.

The only thing that we regret in this connection is that Ocala will lose Mr. Zewadski and his interesting family.

For some time past Mr. Zewadski has been in poor health and his physicians have advised him to seek a colder climate, and acting upon this advice he will leave Ocala about the first of June for Springfield, Ill., where he expects to make his home.

Mr. Zewadski and his family have been identified with the business, social and religious circles for many years, and their friends will part with them with very great reluctance.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Burford have a fine new horse, which they purchased from Mr. J. J. Tipton. This is one of the prettiest horses in the city.

## Called Meeting of the Cemetery Association.

There will be a called meeting of the ladies cemetery association Friday afternoon at three o'clock at the home of Mrs. Edward Badger. This will be a very important meeting and it is hoped that all the members will make an effort to be present. The association invites any one, who is interested in this movement to come to the meeting whether they are members or not, as the association hopes to increase its membership this year.

Mr. O. C. Tignor, who has been with the W. J. Chambers Shoe Company, for the past year and a half, will transfer his services to the firm of H. B. Masters February the first. Mr. Tignor will have charge of the shoe department at this popular establishment and Mr. Scott, who now has this position expects to return to his home in Asheville, N. C.

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